

Certified Clinical Social Worker (CSW)

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1.0 ISSUE

Certified Clinical Social Workers (CSWs).

2.0 POLICY

2.1 A certified CSW may provide covered services independent of physician referral and supervision when practicing within the scope of his or her license. The CSW must meet the following criteria:

2.1.1 Is licensed or certified as a CSW by the jurisdiction where practicing; or, if the jurisdiction does not provide for licensure or certification of CSWs, is certified by a national professional organization offering certification of CSWs; and

2.1.2 Has at least a master's degree in social work from a graduate school of social work accredited by the Council on Social Work Education; and

2.1.3 Has had a minimum of two years or three thousand hours of post-master's degree supervised clinical social work practice under the supervision of a master's level social worker in an appropriate clinical setting, as determined by the contractor.

Note: Patients who have organic medical problems must receive appropriate concurrent management by a physician.

2.2 Mental health services provided by CSWs are subject to the limitations on psychiatric procedures.

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